This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing of content data to a client, comprising:

receiving [[of]] a selection of content data from the client;

generating a file comprising license information and a locator for the content data, wherein the license information indicates a license status enabling the client to access the content data;

sending of the file to the client; and

synchronizing with local license related data on the client indicating an updated license status updated ~~according~~ based on an amount of [[to]] client usage of the content data <u>following the sending of the file to the client and before the synchronizing</u>.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

in response to receiving the selection of the content data from the client, requesting of license conditions information from a license server;

sending of information indicative of one or more license offers to the client; and

receiving an acceptance from the client.

3-9.   (Canceled)

10.   (Currently Amended) A computer program executed by a server system to provide content data to a client, wherein the computer program is capable of causing the server to perform operations comprising:

receiving ~~of a~~ selection of content data from the client,

generating a file having license information and a locator for the content data, wherein the license information indicates a license status enabling the client to access the content data;

sending the file to the client; and

synchronizing with local license related data on the client indicating an updated license status updated <u>based on an amount of</u> ~~according to~~ client usage of the content data <u>following the sending of the file to the client and before the synchronizing</u>.

11-15. (Canceled)

16.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the generated file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

17.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein synchronizing of local license related data on the client further comprises:

receiving a request to renew the license from the client and make payment for the renewal in response to the client determining that the updated license status indicates that the license has expired.

18.   (Canceled)

19.   (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 10 in communication with a license server, wherein the operations further comprise:

in response to receiving the selection of the content data from the client, requesting of license conditions information from the license server;

sending of information indicative of one or more license offers to the client; and

receiving an acceptance from the client.

20.   (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 10, wherein the generated file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

21.   (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 10, wherein synchronizing of local license related data with the client further comprises:

receiving a request to renew the license from the client and make payment for the renewal in response to the client determining that the updated license status indicates that the license has expired.

22-27.   (Canceled)

28.   (Currently Amended) A server system in communication with a client to provide the client content data, wherein the server system is programmed to perform operations, the operations comprising:

receiving [[of]] a selection of content data from the client;

generating a file comprising license information and a locator for the content data, wherein the license information indicates a license status enabling the client to access the content data;

sending of the file to the client; and

synchronizing of local license related data on the client indicating an updated license status updated ~~according~~ based on an amount of [[to]] client usage of the content data following the sending of the file to the client and before the synchronizing ~~back to the server~~.

29.   (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 28, further in communication with a license server, wherein the operations further comprise:

in response to receiving the selection of the content data from the client, requesting of license conditions information from the license server;

sending of information indicative of one or more license offers to the client; and

receiving an acceptance from the client.

30.   (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 28, wherein the generated file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

31.   (Previously Presented) The server system of claim 28, wherein synchronizing of local license related data on the client further comprises:

receiving a request to renew the license from the client and make payment for the renewal in response to the client determining that the updated license status indicates that the license has expired.

32-38. (Canceled)

39.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the amount of usage of the content data comprises the amount of usage at the client after the license status is expired at the client.

40.   (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

during synchronization, determining the amount of usage of the content data at the client after the license status is expired at the client;

receiving payment for the amount of usage of the content data after the license status is expired, wherein the synchronizing with the local license related data comprises renewing the local license related data to allow continued use of the content data in response to receiving the payment for the amount of usage.

41.   (New) The computer program of claim 10, wherein the amount of usage of the content data comprises the amount of usage at the client after the license status is expired at the client.

42.   (New) The computer program of claim 10, wherein the operations further comprise:

during synchronization, determining the amount of usage of the content data at the client after the license status is expired at the client;

receiving payment for the amount of usage of the content data after the license status is expired, wherein the synchronizing with the local license related data comprises renewing the local license related data to allow continued use of the content data in response to receiving the payment for the amount of usage.

43.   (New) The server system of claim 28, wherein the amount of usage of the content data comprises the amount of usage at the client after the license status is expired at the client.

44.   (New) The server system of claim 28, wherein the operations further comprise:

during synchronization, determining the amount of usage of the content data at the client after the license status is expired at the client;

receiving payment for the amount of usage of the content data after the license status is expired, wherein the synchronizing with the local license related data comprises renewing the local license related data to allow continued use of the content data in response to receiving the payment for the amount of usage.